

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation

District FY04 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water Quality

Nutrient Management

Animal Waste

Wetlands

Agricultural Land Conversion

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Riparian Corridors, Geological Sensitive areas i.e. Sandy Soils, TMDL Impaired Reach, Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA's), Abandoned Wells and Restoring Wetlands.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district or for each geographic region. Weight must be between 1 and 5:

Factor	Resource Priority	Geographic Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High		2
A2 Gully Control	High		2
B1 Water Resource	High		2
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High		2
C Wildlife Habitat	High		1
D Air Quality	Medium		1
E Impaired Water	High		2
F Distance	High		1
G Grazing System	High		2
H Forest Mgt.	Medium		1
Additional Local*	High		1

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. **Residue Management, Cover Crop, TMDL Reaches, Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA's), and Wetland Restoration are added to the scoring worksheet as a local priority. See scoring worksheet for details.**

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district. **Attached.**
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5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document **NONE**.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 04EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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